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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Taizo Shirai, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/982,711  
Filed : October 18, 2001  
For : INFORMATION RECORDING DEVICE, INFORMATION  
PLAYBACK DEVICE, INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM,  
INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD, INFORMATION  
PLAYBACK METHOD, AND PROGRAM PROVIDING MEDIUM  
Examiner : Khoshnoodi, Nadia  
Art Unit : 2133

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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	32	Minus	** =32	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	7	Minus	*** =7	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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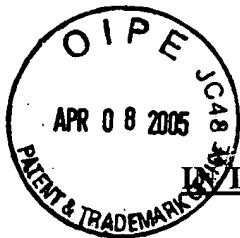
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Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 11, 2005, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on April 11, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.